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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, CA, US

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT--CANADIAN PROPOSAL FOR
AMENDMENT

1. CLARK (DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF GENERAL RELATIONS,
I, T, & C) HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO FLAG FOR INFO U.S.
REPRESENTATIVES TO UPCOMING GENEVA MEETING ON
INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT THAT CANADA IS
DISSATISFIED WITH CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ISA WHICH
CAN BE INTERPRETED TO GIVE PRECEDENCE TO CONTRACTUAL
OBLIGATIONS UNDER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH NON-
PARTICIPANTS OVER OBLIGATIONS AMONG PARTICIPANTS
WITHIN ISA. HE SAID CANADA INTENDED TO SUGGEST
AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT ISA OBLIGATIONS
HAVE AT LEAST EQUAL STANDING WITH SPECIAL
ARRANGEMENTS. HE HOPED THAT U.S. AS AN IMPORTING
COUNTRY WOULD NOT FIND CANADIAN SUGGESTION
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OBJECTIONABLE AND WOULD LET SUPPLYING COUNTRIES BEAR

BURDEN OF OPPOSING IF THEY WISHED.

2. CLARK IDENTIFIED PARTICULAR PROVISIONS AS ARTICLE 30 (4) (B) AND ARTICLE 30 (12). EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE TEXT OF ISA AND HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO STUDY LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE 30. IF FOREGOING IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR, WE WILL BE GLAD TO SEEK FURTHER EXPLANATION.

3. CLARK SAID HE WOULD ATTEND GENEVA MEETING BUT WOULD ARRIVE LATE BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS. SCHMIDT
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